

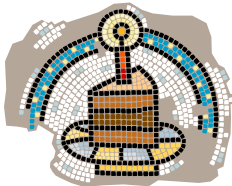
Alamo Heights Fire/EMS Asks Families to Practice Candle Safety

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Candles can provide a warm and festive atmosphere - but they can also be a fire hazard if left unattended or placed near anything flammable. The Alamo Heights Fire/EMS encourages families to enjoy the warm and inviting atmosphere of candles while always keeping fire safety in mind:



- Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish all candles before going to sleep or leaving the room.
- Do not permit children to keep or use candles or incense in their rooms. Candles should only be used when a sober adult is present and awake.
- Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree or other evergreens.
- Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including other decorations and wrapping paper.
- Always use stable, nonflammable candle holders.
- Place candles where they will not be knocked down or blown over and out of reach of pets and young children.



- Always keep burning candles up high, out of the reach of children. If you have children in your home, store candles, matches and lighters out of their sight and reach.